



Church of
SAINT LEONARD
of **PORT MAURICE**

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March 19, 2017

Third Sunday of Lent

Celebrant: Fr. Leo Schneider

Lectors: Nedra Robinson and Bill Wernz

Eucharistic Ministers: Jane Peterson, Sharon Roth, Karen Virnig

Music Coordinator: Zara Turner

Order of Mass

Gathering	Peace is Flowing	# 528 MI
Gloria		
Responsorial Psalm	Turn To Me	# 659 MI
Gospel Acclamation	Ancient Words	In the Bulletin
Preparation of gifts	Come to the Water	# 601 MI
Holy, Holy, Holy		# 916 MI
Memorial Acclamation		# 918 MI
Amen		# 920 MI
Lord's Prayer	Sung	
Lamb of God		# 921 MI
Communion	To You O Lord	# 425 MI
Parting	Ashes	# 84 G&P (Bulletin)

Mass Schedule, Meetings and Events

Regular Sunday Mass	Sundays	10:00 AM
Loaves and Fishes		Mar. 14th
Next Council Meeting		March

Readings for March 19 to March 25

Sunday	3/19	<u>EX 17:3-7 // JN 4: 5-42</u>
Monday	3/20	<u>Solemnity of Saint Joseph 2 SM7:4-5A, 12-14,16</u>
Tuesday	3/21	<u>DN 3:25, 34-43 // MT 18: 21-35</u>
Wednesday	3/22	<u>DT 4:1, 5-9 // MT 5: 17-19</u>
Thursday	3/23	<u>JER 7: 23-28// LK 11:14-23</u>
Friday	3/24	<u>HOS 14:2-10 // MK 12:28-34</u>
Saturday	3/25	<u>Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord</u>

Collection: March 5

Cash Plate	\$	35.00
Envelopes	\$	1290.00
Coffee	\$	43.00
Vigil Lights	\$	00.00
Total	\$	1368.00
Weekly Need	\$	2,000.00
Loan balance	\$	59,484.13
Assessment	\$	200.00
Raised to date		

See us online at www.stleonardmn.org or Facebook
 Council Chair: Ed Howard edfhoward@gmail.com 612-532-9159

Mission Statement

The Church of Saint Leonard of Port Maurice believes that,
 with our worship and fellowship experience and faith as our base, we can achieve social justice
 through education and outreach that guides us on our Christian journey in the community.

Keep in your prayers parish members who are ill: Josephine Candalisa, Anne Schaak, Mary Ann Nash, Gladys Turner, Irene Donohue, MaryAnn LaCanne

Please Join Us – TODAY!!

5th Annual St. Patrick's Celebration - Join fellow community members after **10:00 Mass on Sunday, March 19th**, for some special socializing and a chance to celebrate together. Menu highlights include Cecil's corned beef, caraway and rye breads, coleslaw and pickles.

From Merle and Mary Davis

Ancient Words

Words of life, words of hope,
give us strength, help us cope, in this world
where e're we roam, ancient words will guide us home.
Ancient words, ever true
changing me and changing you, we have come with open hearts,
oh let the ancient words impart.

Ashes

1. We rise again from ashes,
from the good we've failed to do.
We rise again from ashes,
to create ourselves anew.
If all our world is ashes,
then must our lives be true,
an offering of ashes, an offering to you.
2. We offer you our failures,
we offer you attempts,
the gifts not fully given,
the dreams not fully dreamt.
Give our stumblings direction,
give our visions wider view,
an offering of ashes, an offering to you.
3. Then rise again from ashes,
let healing come to pain,
though spring has turned to winter,
and sunshine turned to rain.
The rain we'll use for growing,
and create the world anew
from an offering of ashes, an offering to you.

SLPM Adult Lenten Program

Lent is just around the corner. No Soup Supper this year, but adults can gather Sunday mornings before Mass for some reading, discussion, and time for quiet meditation or prayers. We will meet upstairs at 9am. (The first Sunday will be the easiest to attend since the sun will be up at 6:45.)

Please sign up by the bulletins if you think you may come, or let Jeanette Sullivan know (612-729-1292).

Parishioners in Need: St Leonard's has a ministry that sends get well or sympathy cards in the name of the St. Leonard community to people who are experiencing health issues, loss or other difficulties in their lives. Please send the names of people in need of prayers and support to Maryellen: slpm3949@msn.org or leave a message on the parish phone: **612-825-5811**. Also, Father Leo has requested that you let him know anytime a parishioner is hospitalized.

3rd Sunday of Lent - Fr. Leo

Exodus, our first reading, the people grumble against Moses. They feel stuck in a desert with no water. God responds by having Moses hit the rock to bring water to the Israelites. Though they showed a lack of faith, it was in their weakness that God brought life. Our Psalm encourages us to trust in God's goodness and not harden our hearts.

The woman at the well receives the "water of life" because Jesus loves her in her weakness. She is alone with Jesus at the well because of her "sinful" life. Avoiding ridicule, she comes at noon in the heat of the day, when no one else will be there to draw water. Divine providence brings the two together and the woman is invited by Jesus, to receive salvation. Despite her "sin" Jesus gives her dignity and restores her life. She becomes part of her community again by bringing the gift she had been given to them; life in Christ.

This story engenders hope as we know Jesus does not hold our sin against us. Jesus is always with us inviting us to draw freely from the well of his Spirit, that we may live in the freedom of his love. Like the woman at the well, Jesus knows us inside and out and doesn't judge us. He only calls us to live in his freedom by freely accepting his love into our hearts.

As we receive Eucharist today, we receive Christ. Let us allow God's love to flow over us and into the deepest recesses of our hearts. Let us allow this love to transform us and make us apostles of this same Love to all!

Power, Control, & Pluralism: Being Church in a Secular Age **A Saint John's School of Theology and Seminary Theology Day**

What is the church's place in an increasingly secular, pluralistic society? Is it our mission to be in control as a way to advance the kingdom of God? If not, how do we bring about just, humane structures and policies in society? To address such questions we will engage in a theological reflection on power and its relation to love and control. Our reflection will be informed by the character of God's power as revealed in Scripture and the person of Christ. It will also consider Vatican II's Constitution on the Church in the Modern World, Decree on Religious Liberty, the example of Pope Francis, and the exercise of power in the church. **Mar. 30th, check-in from 6:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. and presentation from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., Basilica of Saint Mary, Minneapolis, MN.** Free event. Light refreshments provided. Registration is required: www.csbsju.edu/sot/theology-day, 320-363-3560 or sot-sem@csbsju.edu.

Birthdays: March 20th – Kathleen Varner and March 25th – Katie McBride

To add your birthday, e-mail the parish at slpm3949@msn.com

Bulletin: The March editor is Mary Leoni. Send notices by noon on Wednesday to: slpm3949@msn.com

NOTE: The bulletin is now being posted on our website!

St. Leonard of Port Maurice is a Black National Parish, and we welcome you wherever you are on your journey! We are a diverse parish with big hearts and great action for the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Please come and join us in the great work of this faith community!

San Leonardo de Port Maurice es una parroquia Nacional Negro, y le damos la bienvenida a usted dondequiera que estés en tu viaje! Somos una parroquia diversa con grandes corazones y gran acción para el Evangelio de Jesucristo. Por favor, Venga y únase a nosotros en la gran obra de esta comunidad de fe

TRUST News and Other Events

A Sunday Early Evening Study Series

“White Privilege; Let’s Talk”

Linden Hills UCC, 4200 Sheridan Ave So, Minneapolis

All are invited to attend

Sundays, March 19, 26 and April 2 (5:00 – 6:30 pm)

This series will take its shape from the United Church of Christ’s “White Privilege: Let’s Talk” curriculum. We will start by reflecting upon our Spiritual Autobiographies through the lens of race, along seeking other perspectives by reading spiritual autobiographies from writers of several races. We will consider the racial history of the twin cities area, including facets that have not been a standard part of school curriculum, so may be new to many of us. We’ll also look at the phenomena of norming and stereotype threat, and be introduced to critical race theory as a framework for analyzing racial incidents large and small. All the while we will endeavor to build a space of trustworthy listening for each other and practice mindful communication skills.

From CoAM

Life Enrichment Classes begin!

Monday, April 3 9:30 – 10:30 am

LOCAL AFFAIRS: Housing for the Homeless presented by a representative of Beacon Inter-faith Housing Collaborative. Several CoAM congregations work with this organization to develop housing for homeless people.

TRAVELOGUE: Deep in the Heart of Texas by Dave Swanson. Includes the Johnson Space Center, the still controversial Oil Rig Museum at Corpus Christi, the LBJ Ranch, the huge King Ranch, the Little Rock Clinton Library, and maybe a typical Texas house, including front porch with couch, refrigerator and gun rack.

PRAYER FOR OUR NATION

Every Friday, 9:30 – 10:00 am

Lake Nokomis Presbyterian Church Sanctuary

A pause for quiet. Focus. Perspective.

A place to bring your longings, fears and concerns to God.

A chance to lift up the needs of our country and find hope.

From Lake Nokomis Presbyterian

1620 E 46th St, Minneapolis

612-721-4463

Church of the Holy Name: Spring Salad Luncheon: Saturday, April 8, 2017 at 11:30 a.m.

Music Legends with songs and Stories of the Pop and Country singer of the 1940s - 1950s – 1960s. Tickets sold at door. Adults - \$10.00 and Children - \$3.00. Many Door Prizes, Sponsored by the Council of Catholic Women.

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endeavor to build a space of trustworthy listening for each other and practice mindful

communication skills. Please register at <https://www.lhucc.org/white-privilege> or

contact Pastor Eliot Howard at 612-597-5533. The cost of this series is \$30/person or

\$45/maximum per family. Scholarships are available. This series is planned for

participants of middle school age and all ages older.

FROM TRUST MEALS ON WHEELS

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED BY OUR HOMEBOUND NEIGHBORS

Each weekday, homebound elderly and disabled people in our neighborhood need meals delivered to their homes. Volunteers deliver these lunchtime meals, driving

routes that take about an hour to complete. Parents with their children, retired people,

and working people with a free lunch hour are all needed. Can you help? For more

information or to volunteer, please contact TRUST Meals on Wheels at 612-822-

6040 or trustmow@yahoo.com

Visiting Women's Religious Communities in the Twin Cities Area

When: Saturday, April 1, 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.

What: Women will have a chance to visit five different religious communities in the Twin Cities area to meet, learn, share meals and pray with Catholic sisters. We will visit local communities of

the School Sisters of Notre Dame, Visitation Monastery, Franciscan Poor Clares, Sisters of St.

Joseph and Benedictine Sisters at St. Paul's Monastery. For more information or to download a

flyer, please visit: <http://www.ssnd.org/events/2016/2/visiting-womens-religious-communities>.

RSVP: To register, please contact Sister Jill Underdahl at junderdahl@csjstpaul.org or 651-696-

2873 by March 27. The event is free.